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Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	PLANARIZING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER AND APPARATUS THEREOF

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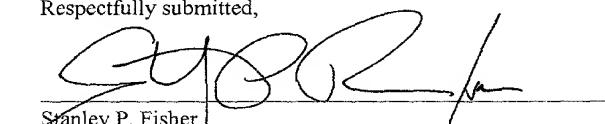
- 10 sheets of formal informal drawings.
- A Notice of Priority to claim priority date of July 27, 2000.
- Assignment of the invention to Hitachi, Ltd.
- Information Disclosure Statement with Form 1449.
- Applicant requests non-publication.
- Applicant is a small entity.
- An Executed Declaration

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